ہو سکتا ہے اکانامک طریقے سے یا اور دوسری طرح سے ان پر قدم اٹھایا جا رہا ہے -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up Of an international body for small newspapers

*301. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an international body for small newspapers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. Problems of the

fishing industry

*303. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what steps Government are taking to assist the fishing industry which is in doldrums due to poor catches;

(b) whether in view of the steady decline of shrimp catches, Govern ment propose to review all its policies including chartering and joint ven tures;

(c) if not, to what factor Government attribute the steady decline of the marine catches for the third consecutive year;

(d) whether any Committee has since been appointed to study the relief measures for this industry employing lakhs of poor people; and

(e) what other measureg are being considered to help the fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) Marine fish landings during the last six years are indicated below:—

(in lakh Tomes)

Year	Marine Fish Production	Total fish Production
1981-82	14 45	24 44
1982-83	14.27	23 67
1983-84	15 19	25-06
1984-85	16 98	28 01
1985-86	17 16	28 76
1986-87(P)	17.13	29.42

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Shrimp landings during the last six years are also indicated below:—

(in Lakh tonne;)

Year	Shrimp Production
1981	I 64
1982	2 10
1983	1 93
1984	2 03
1985	2-32
1986	2-15